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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT:** In order to practice disease prevention and control for the West Nile virus, Columbus Public Health (CPH) is beginning its summer fogging in more than 50 public parks and bike paths in preparation of July 4<sup>th</sup>. This weekend's fogging, which begins the weekly fogging schedule to kill adult mosquitoes, will continue through early September.

**WHO:** Columbus Public Health - Department of Disease Prevention

**WHEN:** June 30 and July 3, 2006 between the early morning hours from 4 a.m.-dawn.

**WHERE:** More than 50 central Ohio public parks and bike paths - Map attached

**DETAILS:** Columbus Public Health practices disease prevention and control by using an Integrated Pest Management methodology. CPH is now actively trapping mosquitoes, investigating mosquito complaints and treating standing water to kill larval mosquitoes. The program supervisor and specialist review adult mosquito trap results and reports from field staff, and consider the number and type of mosquitoes trapped as well as the number of infected mosquitoes. Weekly fogging schedules - which are based on these factors and are not decided by the number of complaints from any given area - are available at the Columbus Public Health website at [www.publichealth.columbus.gov](http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov).

**MORE INFO:** Additional information on West Nile is available at:  
[www.publichealth.columbus.gov](http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov)

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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